

2 Kings 19:1-37 **Hezekiah consults with Isaiah – Sennacherib's Defeat and death**

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Hezekiah called upon Isaiah to pray for Jerusalem's deliverance

¹ And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. ² Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

³ And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth. ⁴ It may be that the Lord your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'"

⁵ So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶ And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the Lord: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. ⁷ Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'"

Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer (Isa 37:8-20)

⁸ Then the Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish. ⁹ And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has come out to make war with you." So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

¹⁰ "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." ¹¹ Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? ¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar? ¹³ Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?'"

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord.

¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: "O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. ¹⁶ Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

¹⁷ Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, ¹⁸ and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands — wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them.

¹⁹ Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone."

The Word of the Lord Concerning Sennacherib(Isa 37:21-25)

²⁰ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.' ²¹ This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him:

'The virgin, the daughter of Zion, Has despised you, laughed you to scorn; The daughter of Jerusalem Has shaken her head behind your back!

22 'Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice, And lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 23 By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, And said: "By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, To the limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars And its choice cypress trees; I will enter the extremity of its borders, To its fruitful forest. 24 I have dug and drunk strange water, And with the soles of my feet I have dried up All the brooks of defense."

25 'Did you not hear long ago How I made it, From ancient times that I formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, That you should be For crushing fortified cities into heaps of ruins. 26 Therefore their inhabitants had little power; They were dismayed and confounded; They were as the grass of the field And the green herb, As the grass on the housetops And grain blighted before it is grown.

27 'But I know your dwelling place, Your going out and your coming in, And your rage against Me.

28 Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came.

29 'This shall be a sign to you:

You shall eat this year such as grows of itself, And in the second year what springs from the same; Also in the third year sow and reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. 30 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, And those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.'

32 "Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria:

'He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it. 33 By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city, 'Says the Lord. 34 'For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"

Sennacherib's Defeat and Death (Isa 37:36-38; 2 Chron 32:20-23)

35 And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses — all dead.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. 37 Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Sennacherib king of Assyria sent the Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the Rabshakeh from Lachish, with a great army against Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah. They ridiculed Hezekiah's faith in Yahweh, claiming that since all the nations they had concurred proved that their gods were unable to save them against the King of Assyria, that Yahweh would be the same and unable to stand against the king of Assyria to defend Jerusalem. [2 Kings 18:13-37]

Hezekiah called upon Isaiah to pray for Jerusalem's deliverance

- ✧ When King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. Then he sent a delegation to the prophet Isaiah requesting prayer for deliverance. [2 Kings 19:1-4]
- ✧ Yahweh spoke through Isaiah saying: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." [2 Kings 19:5-7]

Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer (Isa 37:8-20)

- ✧ The Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria at war with the king of Ethiopia, so he sent another message to Hezekiah repeating his original boast against Yahweh. [2 Kings 19:8-13]
- ✧ Hezekiah took the letter to the house of Yahweh and spread it out before the Lord. Then he prayed to Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (The Lord God of Israel) acknowledging that Yahweh is indeed the God over all the kingdoms of the earth and the creator of Heaven and Earth and asking the Lord to see the words of Sennacherib written in the letter.
Hezekiah acknowledged that the king of Assyria had indeed destroyed all the nations he had gone against and that their idol gods were powerless against the king of Assyria because they were not gods but the work of men's hands. Hezekiah concluded his prayer with the words "Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone." [2 Kings 19:14-19]
- ✧ Fervent and effective prayer acknowledges who God is and brings His reputation into the request "All the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone."

The Word of the Lord Concerning Sennacherib (Isa 37:21-25)

- ✧ Yahweh responded to Hezekiah through Isaiah the prophet: 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.'

God rebuked Sennacherib for his arrogant pride thinking his own power accomplished the destruction of the nations that he destroyed, when in fact it was the hand of Yahweh using him as a tool to punish sinful nations.

Yahweh is the all powerful creator of all things and has brought it all to pass which is the reason the destroyed nations had little power to defend themselves.

Yahweh knows all about Sennacherib and his rage against the Lord and said, 'Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came.'

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Sennacherib's Defeat and Death (Isaiah 37:36-38, 2 Chronicles 32:20-23)

☆ The angel of Yahweh went to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 soldiers. Sennacherib king of Assyria returned home to Nineveh, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword and escaped to the land of Ararat. Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place. [\[2 Kings 19:35-37\]](#)